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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, AR

SUBJ: AAA THREAT AGAINST ARGENTINE LEADERS

REF: A. STATE 130583; B. BA 3742

1. A COMMUNIQUE DATED MAY 30, PURPORTEDLY SIGNED BY THE AAA AND SAYING THAT MASSERA, VIDELA, MANRIQUE AND ALFONCIN (SIC) WOULD BE EXECUTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE WAS RECEIVED IN BA BY VARIOUS NEW AGENCIES ON JUNE 3. A COPY OF THE ONE SENT AP IS BEING POUCHED TO ARA/APU. NOTHING HAS APPEARED IN THE LOCAL PRESS AND WE HAVE NOT YET SEEN THE KANDELL ARTICLE VIA USIS WIRELESS.

2. AS WITH ALL AAA COMMUNIQUE, THE AUTHENTICITY IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PROVE. ANYONE WITH A TYPEWRITER CAN GENERATE A THREAT SUCH AS THIS ONE. MANRIQUE AND ALFONSIN ARE TWO POLITICIANS WHO HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY CRITICAL OF THE GOA, AND ESPECIALLY OF LOPEZ REGA. VIDELA AND MASSERA, MOREOVER, COULD BE VIEWED AS OBSTACLES TO LOPEZ REGAS DESIGNS. BUT WHILE THEY MIGHT THEREFORE BE CONSIDERED LIKELY TARGETS, IT DOES NOT SEEM LIKELY THAT AAA WOULD ACTUALLY MURDER ANYONE OF THEIR STATURE, ESPECIALLY THE HIGH RANKING MILITARY OFFICERS. MASSERA HAS EXPRESSED HIS DOUBTS ABOUT THE VERACITY OF THE THREAT (SEE FBIS)

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3. WE HAVE TALKED TO KANDELL. HE SAYS HE NO MORE ABLE THAN

ANYONE ELSE TO DETERMINE AUTHENTICITY OF COMMUNIQUE BUT THAT
UNTIL AAA DENIES AUTHORSHIP, HE INTENDS TO TREAT IT AS COMING
FROM AAA.

4. COMMENT: IF COMMUNIQUE IN FACT DID
ORIGINATE WITH AAA,
IT MAY HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR PURPOSE OF INTIMIDATION, OR
POSSIBLY TO SHOW THAT ORGANIZATION HAD NOT TAKEN A HOLIDAY
AS SUGGESTED IN COMMUNIQUE ATTRIBUTED TO THEM BY BA HERALD
(SEE REF B).
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